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FIGHT WITH NEGROES.

Two Policemen Were Fatally Injured—
Battle Lasted Half an Hour.

New York, Dec. 25.—Two policemen fatally injured, a third badly hurt and four negroes locked up is the result of a battle that took place early to-day in North Plainfield, N. J., between firemen, policemen and citizens on one side and a gang of negroes on the other.

Martial Joseph Flacker and Special Policeman William Kellar are dying in Muhlenburg hospital, the former with a deep knife thrust below the right shoulder and with razor cuts over his entire body, 65 stitches having been required to close the wounds. A third policeman, Walter O. Smalley, is at his home, his face battered and bruised.

The prisoners are Samuel Hunt, Walter Tews, Albert Tunstall and Joseph Henderson, all residents of Plainfield.

The negroes had been standing on the street corners, yelling "Merry Christmas" at every one who passed and demanding money to buy drinks. Two policemen attempted to arrest the gang and were knocked down and beaten. They did not shoot for fear of hitting onlookers.

Then firemen and citizens joined in the battle, which was waged nearly half an hour.

When the negroes were about to be taken to jail there were cries from the crowd of "Bring a rope" and "Lynch them!" The policemen warned the hot-headed to keep away, but members of the crowd got close enough to strike the negroes.

A crowd hung about the jail for hours, and all through the day, in both Plainfield and North Plainfield, there were frequent tilts between white men and a gang of negroes on the other.

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A WARNING TO THE CZAR'S SUBJECTS

GOVERNMENT DECIDES ON VIGOROUS MEASURES

Disorders Will be Suppressed With a Firm Hand—Zemstvos Must Curb Their Activities.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from the government early this morning:

"In the autumn of this year there was a meeting in St. Petersburg of several Zemstvos of the various governments who expressed a series of desires concerning the state. In their opinion, indispensable reforms in the different governments of the empire. These desires were made the subjects of action by members of various other associations which met for the purpose, and also, knowing the provisions of law, were considered at the deliberations of certain councils and Zemstvos. Thus by the action of people, who endeavored to disclose discord in public and state life, excitement arose in the minds of certain sections of society, chiefly among impressionable youth. In certain towns of the empire there occurred a series of noisy meetings, which demanded the presentation to the government of certain demands which were inadmissible in the face of the sacred foundations of the laws of the empire and the indestructible elements which form the government. These sections of the public made street demonstrations in bands and openly resisted the police authority.

"Such movements against the existing order of the government which have fallen adversely upon the bulk of the Russian people, who are loyal to the everlasting foundations of the existing government, gave to the excitement above referred to an undeserved importance of a general tendency. The Russian people involved in this movement, forgetful of the grievances year which has fallen to the lot of Russia, blinded by chimerical hopes of profits which they might expect from a radical change in the ancient foundation of the Russian state and life and not knowing what they were doing, acted to the advantage, not of the country, but of its enemies.

"Now the duty of the government is to preserve order in the state and protect the public confidence from all change in the usual course of internal life. Therefore any destruction of order and peace and all meetings of an anti-government character must and will be stopped by all legal means at the disposition of the authorities; and those concerned in these disorders, especially persons employed in the government service, will be held responsible.

"Zemstvos and town councils and every form of institution must not go beyond the limits provided for them and must not concern themselves in questions in the consideration of which they have no legal authority. Presidents of public meetings who allow consideration to take place of matters not in their province—of questions of general government—are liable under the existing laws, and organs of the press with the knowledge of the responsibility which rests upon them, must for their part introduce the necessary calming effect on public life, which has deviated in recent times from its proper course."

Convention at Moscow.

Moscow, Dec. 27.—The Zemstvo congress of the Moscow government opened to-day. Prince Tributenski, the president, in his opening address dwelt upon the serious condition of Russia and the regrettable war with Japan, the end of which could not be anticipated, as well as a grave economical crisis through which the country is passing, and the internal disorganization of the Empire. All this, he said, lay as a heavy yoke on the Russian people and produced the condition of strong nervous excitement under which it labored.

Prince Tributenski then proposed the adoption and forwarding to Emperor Nicholas of a resolution announcing that to commemorate the birth of the Czarevitch Zemstvo had set aside the capital sum of \$150,000 to be devoted to the construction of new schools, and that the Emperor should be asked to name the new foundation after his son Alexis. Continuing, the Prince declared that Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky's assurances of confidence in the people had given the Zemstvo new power to serve the state. The Zemstvo had first confidence in the Emperor. They believed the happy day was nigh when, through the Imperial will, the present regime, which had estranged the supreme power from the people, would be changed the day on which the Emperor would summon freely elected representatives of the people to participate in legislation, through whose co-operation the Imperial power and greatness of the throne would be strengthened and the triumphant development of the Fatherland assured. The development, the Prince said, was dependent upon the immutability of the principles of the law, the inviolability of person and equality of rights for all citizens, as well as freedom of speech and faith, which would bring them a strengthening of the close and strong ties between the throne and the people, and enable them to co-operate for the good of the Fatherland.

The address was adopted by a majority of the votes in the congress.

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more effectively. A common council the paper says, will dissipate such misunderstanding and friction between existing between departmental chiefs. The Novoye Vremya characterizes this ukase as a strong and favorable answer to the demands of liberalism, and says it is glad to see so much space and interest devoted to the peasant question, which undoubtedly is one of the most serious problems of national life.

The Novosti Russ comments in a similar tone, asserting that the great problem of national life is for the first time put in a fair way of accurate and satisfactory settlement.

According to the same source of information, during the riots at Rason two railway bridges were blown up, and an attempt was made to dynamite the statue of Alexander II, but only the steps were injured.

THE NORGE DISASTER.

Judgment of the Maritime and Commercial Court Has Been Handled Down.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 24.—The Maritime and Commercial court handed down judgment to-day in the case of the Danish steamer Norge, which foundered on June 8th of this year 290 miles from the Scottish Mainland, with the loss of 616 lives. The directors of the company were acquitted, and Capt. Gundel was acquitted of the charge that neglect of duty caused the loss of the vessel, or contributed to the magnitude of the disaster.

GOT ONE YEAR.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Bartlett, the defaulting local government clerk, who stole the proceeds from duplicate marriage certificates, was sentenced to-day to one year in jail.

ANOTHER STEP NEARER FORTRESS

VILLAGES OCCUPIED BY BESIEGING ARMY

Whole of Russian Advanced Positions On Japanese Right Have Now Been Taken.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—(3:30 p. m.)—The following report was received this morning from the Japanese army besieging Port Arthur:

"A body of our right wing surprised the enemy at Housanay and Sia-fau-tsun at 10:25 on the night of December 24th and subsequently occupied these villages.

"After gradually dislodging the enemy our force, at 2:55 this (Sunday) morning, occupied the whole of Tali-hu-tun.

"Our repeated attacks of the past few days have been uniformly successful. All the enemy's advanced positions fronting our right wing are now in our hands."

BUSHING WORK ON THE THIRD SQUADRON.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Admiral Birileff is quoted in an interview as saying that all ships in the Baltic are working night and day that the third squadron will go out in two sections. The admiral pledges himself to have the first section ready by February, and the second little later.

GOING TO THIBET.

Chinese Official Will Investigate the Conditions There.

(Associated Press.)

Tientsin, Dec. 27.—Tang Shao Ki, Tao Tai of Tientsin, left this morning en route to Thibet to investigate conditions there.

Tang Shao Ki, who was educated at Yale College, was formerly secretary to Yuan Shai Kan, viceroy of Chihli province. He is conversant with foreign affairs, and is not considered anti-foreign, although jealous of Chinese interests.

He was commanded in the latter part of September to proceed to Thibet, and was created a metropolitan officer of the third rank. He was also promoted to the military rank of lieutenant-general.

Continuing, the witness explained that Macaire had the accused by the lapels of his coat, and was butting him with his head. The accused tried to get him around the neck. The scuffle lasted two or three minutes, during which nobody interfered. After the scuffle the accused hurriedly left the room.

To the accused—"I didn't see you cut me and didn't know I was cut until I was told."

To the Court Macaire admitted he had been drinking, but said he wasn't drunk.

The fight lasted a few seconds and neither fell to the floor.

Wm. Black, another sailor, was also examined. He said he saw a knife and razor taken from the accused's pocket at the police station when the latter was searched. On the evening of the trouble he heard the accused say he was going to fight somebody, but he mentioned nobody's name. He picked a quarrel with Macaire, calling him a "Scotch pig."

Macaire said "I'm not a Scotch pig."

Hamilton replied, "You are."

A scuffle then took place in a corner and then it was over witness saw that Macaire's throat was cut. He didn't see the wound inflicted; it was done so quickly.

To the accused—"I didn't see you with any weapon in your hand. You had your hands in your pockets before the row. I didn't see you cut him, but as soon as he left I noticed that his throat was cut."

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To the accused—"You went out as soon as you separated."

"Why didn't you detain me and give me over to the police?" pursued Hamilton.

"Because," replied the witness, "you were outside before I noticed that Macaire was cut."

Another man, Barker, gave evidence similar to that of the previous witness.

When the fight occurred, he said, the two men were five or six feet away from the nearest person. He didn't see the accused cut Macaire, and saw nothing in his defense.

William Lewis swore that there was no interference during the fight.

Macaire was all right before the trouble started, and he did not notice any blood on him.

After the scuffle, however, he saw a red stain on the informant's neck.

He knew the accused, having roomed with him. He knew Hamilton carried a razor and a knife, but he seemed to have a quiet disposition. He had been drinking heavily during the past week.

To the accused—"I know you carried your razor in a double case, and that you had a knife. I never saw anything else in your pockets. I didn't see you cut Macaire."

To the court he said the fight lasted for four or five minutes, and both men seemed to break away together. After they had separated the accused hurried out of the door.

Dr. Hart testified to attending to Macaire's injuries. He said the wounded man had a cut on the left side of his neck extending from the middle of the throat to the ear. It was five inches in length, and averaged about half an inch deep. Had it been a quarter of an inch deeper it would have opened the jugular veins or carotid artery. The opening of any one of these would have caused almost instant death. The wound was inflicted by some sharp weapon—either a knife or a razor.

The case was not concluded this morn-

INQUIRY INTO CUTTING AFFAIR

WOUNDED MAN HAD A VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Had Wound Been Trifle Deeper He Would Have Been Almost Instantly Killed.

Had the knife with which Wm. Macaire received a nasty cut in the neck on Saturday evening gone a quarter of an inch deeper, the wounded man would not have been able to tell his story before the magistrate in the police court this morning. As a matter of fact he wouldn't have lived long enough to go to the nearest drug store. The blade with which the cutting was done required but very little extra pressure to open a jugular vein or the carotid artery, which could have caused almost instantaneous death.

The wound was inflicted in the Omnia saloon, Government street, between eight and nine o'clock Saturday evening. Macaire and some seafarers companions went into the saloon to exchange Christmas greetings in the usual convivial way. A quarrel between Macaire and the accused Wm. Hamilton suddenly arose and the two scuffled in a corner. When they separated it was seen that Macaire's throat was cut and he was taken to a drug store. Dr. Hart attending to his injuries. Immediately after the belligerent twain had broken loose, Hamilton hurried from the barroom.

This is the substance of the account of the affair given by Macaire and several other witnesses in the police court this morning. When the case was called Hamilton, the accused, elected to be tried by the magistrate. The information was amended so as to charge him with "unlawfully wounding by cutting" instead of by stabbing. The accused pleaded not guilty. He is a powerfully built man, ruddy complexion, and in questioning the witness appeared to know just what questions to employ to elicit answers favorable to his case. Macaire, the man who was cut, is much smaller than his opponent in the Omnia scrap.

The informant's story was substantially as follows: He saw the accused, who as he way didn't know, in the Omnia saloon on Saturday evening between eight and nine o'clock. He had no conversation with him until he called Macaire a "Scotch pig," an indecent epithet. The informant warned Hamilton to refrain from calling him names and threatened to strike him if he persisted. The accused repeated the expressions and the witness butted him with his head. They scuffled for a minute and after they had separated somebody told him (witness) that his throat was cut. It was bleeding badly so he went to a drug store and then to a doctor.

To the accused—"I didn't see you cut me and didn't know I was cut until I was told."

To the Court Macaire admitted he had been drinking, but said he wasn't drunk.

Mr. Helmcken, K. C., counsel for the crown, said that there could remain no doubt that money was paid to secure witnesses, whatever might be the evidence agreed upon. The sum of \$100 had been paid.

H. Honor wanted to know why a charge of bribery had not been brought in instead of one of conspiracy.

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WITHDRAWING SHIPS FROM PORT ARTHUR

TOGO REDUCES THE BLOCKADING SQUADRON

One Battleship, Three Cruisers, One
Gunboat and Coast Defence Vessel
Have Been Lost.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Admiral Togo announces the withdrawal of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo, telegraphing under the date of December 22nd, says:

"After 203-Metre Hill was occupied, as the result of a gallant and desperate attack by the besieging army, the bombardment of the enemy's squadrons by siege and other heavy guns became effective. In consequence the battleship Poltava and Retzian were sunk, and subsequently the battleships Pobieda and Peresvet, the protected cruiser Pallada and the armored cruiser Bayan were sunk."

The battleship Sevastopol escaped the land bombardment, left the harbor on December 9th and anchored near Chentao mountain. She was attacked there continuously by our torpedo boats and heavily damaged.

The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only a weak gunboat, the Otvashnyi, and several torpedo boats destroyed remain afloat.

"Under the circumstances our combined fleet has been removed as unnecessary from the blockade of Port Arthur, which had been maintained since May 1st.

"I have arranged for a closer watch for ships attempting to run the blockade and to watch the remnant of the enemy's squadron.

During the blockade we suffered from the enemy's mines, both laid and floating on the high seas, and from dense fog. The cruisers Miyako, Sayon and Yoshino, Battise (battleship), Kaimon (gunboat) and Heien (coast defence vessel), were sunk, and many gallant and loyal officers and men were killed, but we succeeded in maintaining the blockade.

When the enemy emerged from the harbor our fleet successfully engaged him, and finally, with the valuable support of the troops, we destroyed the entire squadron.

"During the blockade all the ships under my command splendidly accomplished the work and duty assigned to them. Especially to be noted are some of those who are engaged in the difficult and risky task of blockading, or who tirelessly accomplished the work of laying mines in the presence of the enemy, and others who braving all danger were engaged in the work of clearing mines away, and others still who were posted to watch the enemy and guard against the enemy's ships. Their combined work contributed to the accomplishment of the blockade. I deem it my duty to especially mention my recognition of the valuable services rendered by the officers and men."

**PRIDE FOR CREWS
ON THE TORPEDO BOATS.**

Tokio, Dec. 24.—10.10 a.m.—An imperial rescript dispatched to Vice-Admiral Togo says:

"We have with great satisfaction that our torpedo boats engaged in the work required of them at Port Arthur have gallantly and successfully accomplished the duties required of them and so doing, and to brave the dangers of storms and shells by day and night."

"Despite all the difficulties confronting them, they have succeeded in performing their duties without the least confusion, rendering one another mutual assistance."

"We particularly note their brave and loyal performance of the duties required of them and express our approbation of their gallant behavior."

**GENERAL SAYS TROOPS
MUST NOT RETREAT.**

Mukden, Dec. 25.—General Kurokami, addressing the troops to-day, said:

SUGGESTS FURTHER INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS

United States Secretary of State Has
Forwarded Another Note to Powers
Regarding Conference.

Washington, Dec. 25.—That the further interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for another peace conference at The Hague be effected through the International Bureau under the control of the permanent-administrative council of The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay in a second circular note to the powers made public at the state department to-day.

The note was dispatched a week ago, but its publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legations abroad. The secretary summarizes the replies of all the powers to his note of October 21st, and expresses the gratification of the President at the cordial reception of his invitation.

The note in part is as follows:

"The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has found expression. The governments of Austria-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden and Norway and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal and generally accept it in principle with a reservation of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for discussion.

"The replies of Japan and Russia convey in like terms a friendly recognition of the spirit and purposes of the invitation, but on the part of Russia the reply was accompanied by the statement that in the existing condition of things in the Far East it would not be practicable for the imperial government at this moment to take part in such a conference.

"While this reply, tending as it does to cause some postponement of the proposed second conference, is deeply regretted, the weight of the motive which induces it is recognized by this government and probably others.

"Japan made the reservation only that no action should be taken by the conference relative to the present war.

"Although the prospect of an early convocation of an august assembly of representatives of the nations in the interest of peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being, it may be regarded as assured so soon as the interested powers are in a position to agree upon a date and place of meeting and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion.

"In view of the virtual certainty that the President's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting of a second peace conference will be accepted by all the interested powers, and in view also of the fact that an organized representation of the signatories of the acts of 1890 now exists at that capital, this government feels that it should not assume the initiative in drawing up a programme nor preside over the deliberations of the signatories in that regard. It seems to the President that the high task he undertook in seeking to bring about an agreement of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually accomplished so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle, the future conduct of the affair may fully follow its normal channels. To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1890 be effected through the International Bureau under the control of the permanent-administrative council of The Hague.

It is believed in this way, but utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the powers themselves, an orderly treatment of the preliminary consultations may be insured, and the way left clear for the eventual action of the government of the Netherlands in calling a renewed conference to assemble at The Hague should that course be adopted."

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THE RUSSIAN DEFENCE.

Delegates on Commission Claim They
Can Prove Presence of Japanese
Torpedo Boats.

Pars, Dec. 24.—The Russian delegation before the international commission which is to inquire into the North Sea incident is probably complete. The main features are:

First—that the firing by the Russian sailors was justified as a defence against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo boats.

The Russian delegates inform the Associated Press that they possess this proof in the most positive and overwhelming form.

Second—that even if the Russians were not attacked, they believed they were attacked, and therefore the defensive measures taken were in absolute good faith.

Third—at most it was an accident at sea where the dangers and risks are extreme and analogous to the British battleship Camperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Victoria and the recent firing by a British warship upon a coasting vessel during target practice.

The preliminaries of the commission have clearly shown that the British are anxious for a prompt disposal of the case, while the Russians do not object to deny it, therefore the postponement of the opening of the sessions of the commission owing to the non-arrival of Rear-Admiral Charles H. Davis, the American representative, developed an incident showing the insignificant greeting of delegates, the Russians sharing the American view that Admiral Davis is entitled to ample time, while the British and French sentiment did not approve of the postponement.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—5 a. m.—The pressure is decreasing on our Coast, and present conditions indicate a disturbance approaching Vancouver Island, and a moderate gale prevails on the outside waters. Owing to wire trouble no reports have been received this morning east of Kamloops; but a vast area of high pressure is central in Montana and temperatures east of the Rockies are much below zero. At Memphis, in the lower Mississippi, a heavy gale prevails, with an hourly wind velocity of 50 miles, and a phenomenal rainfall of 4.90 inches during the last 24 hours.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Fresh to strong easterly winds or gales, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, stronger on Straits, unsettled, with sleet or rain.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.11; temperature, 43; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.14; temperature, 43; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles S.; weather, fair. Kamloops—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 20; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerly—Barometer, 30.22; temperature, 22; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.28; temperature, 44; minimum, 44; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS.

For steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Sunday—A Hartley, H F Evans, F Wintell, Geo Mason, Miss A McCabe, A Geo Harris, Alice McCabe, C L Campbell, Wm Leslie, Thos Daley, H C Humphreys, H E Freeman, E S Tuck, Ellen Armstrong, Chas M Armstrong, L H Teifer, Mrs Teifer, Alice Jay, Nettie Jay, Sam Owens, Edith Owens, Elma Steer, Sarah Steer, S M Given, E A Wolff, A F Given, W C Jackson, W E Ferries, W H Smith, Mrs Smith, W G Frye, Mrs Anna Bush, M E Lynch, G R Payne, G L Courtney, Leelieha MacHardy, Mrs Jno McKinley, Geo L Marshall, Mrs A M Coke, Edie L Birdie, Arthur H Fowler.

Per Princess Beatrice from Vancouver—Monday—J Fowler, Paul Gasse, Mrs Trench, Miss Cox, Mrs A Knight, H Ansable, E L Denis, Jno MacCauslin, B C Peterson, Mrs Peterson, L Morell, W N McDonald, R Watson, J C Watson, B Williams, J LaFevre, Mrs Gordon, M Wilson, J Canby, J A Macrae, Mrs James, Mr Cronyn, W M Wilson, Mrs Wilson, Mr Bell, D Forsyth, J H Gillespie, W Gillespie, Mrs Mills, A H Mathison, W H Jeese, J A Alkan, W Redfern, C B Kennedy, R G Talbot, A Newcombe, A G Fisher, W Moresey, A McLeod, W Pettiford, Mrs Pettiford, T R Nickson, E H Russell, G Hutchinson, Mrs Hutchinson, Miss Hutchinson, A J Ure, Mrs Jackson, Mr Mason, G Galino, H Roe, J Calder, H W Tripp, T Al Pope, J M Stewart, S J Berford, M Hunter, H Gordon, W Coulter, P Williams, Mrs Ure, T Spotts, F M Brown, Mrs Brown, Miss Baines, Mrs Balnes, B W Mayneath, Harry King, Joe Lamont, W Walker, Geo Gant, Mrs Reid, J L Dalton, — Daniels, Mrs W L Gilchrist and three children, W Newcombe, T A Macrae, Jno Bratt, Jno Cornwall, T G Taggart, P Austin, J H Austin, P F Young, A Foster.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—Thos R Cusack, Colonist P & P Co, Sylvester Feed Co, Hall & Co, J L White, Clayton & Costin, Wood, Vallance & Leggett, J Congham & Co, E G Prior & Co, M W Waltz & Co, S R Byrn, Victoria; W H Malkin & Co, Vancouver.

A woman whose handsome back comb was forever slipping out of her hair had a little gold chain attached to it by means of a tiny hole bored through the upper right hand corner. To the other end of the chain was attached a shell hairpin. This simple device saved her many anxious moments and she still has her comb.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

Tacoma Ledger Describes It as a Treat—Will Be Here To-Night.

"A Chinese Honeymoon" Company which will give a performance at the Victoria theatre this evening and tomorrow evening the Tacoma Ledger says:

"A Chinese Honeymoon," Sam Shuster's best musical creation, revealed itself at the Tacoma theatre last night as a rarely beautiful musical fantasy. The people of Tacoma are seldom given the privilege of seeing and hearing such treats to the eye, ear and sense of humor as are combined in "A Chinese Honeymoon."

"There is not a dull moment during the entire production. The music is catchy and is presented with a vim and vigor which is refreshing, by a large and well trained chorus of pretty girls. There are some very good voices in the company. Notable among these is George E. Broderick, as the emperor, who has one of the best bass voices heard in Tacoma this season in a musical production. He does not have much opportunity, however, to display it, as he appears only once as a soloist. Albert Froom also has a very good voice and appeared to good advantage last night, although it was his first appearance with the company, having joined them only yesterday. Regina McAvoy, as Mrs. Pineapple, has not a very strong voice, but what it lacks in strength it makes up in sweetness. "Oolong Li" was sung by her and the chorus, proved one of the musicals of the evening. Outside of "A Street in Heaven Called Broadway," sung by Mr. Pineapple and chorus, "Oolong Li" was received with the most favor."

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS.

Increase in the Mileage in the United Kingdom.

In 1897 there were forty miles of electric tramways in the United Kingdom, there are now nearly 1,000 miles; and the number of passengers carried on British tramways increased from eight millions in 1897 to about 1,500,000,000 in 1903. This extraordinary growth of traffic was practically all carried by the electrification of existing lines, the employment of larger cars, and more frequent running.

A few months ago there was opened for public service the first few miles of a complete scheme in the northern suburbs, comparable with the system of the London United Company in the districts westward of Hamersham and Shepherd's Bush and the London county council is again agitating for permission to extend the lines south of the Thames across the river in order to link up the southern and northern tramway systems when both shall have been electrified.

A British electric car is rarely given a body longer than 25 feet, but the seating capacity is more than double that of the American car. The new London county council cars carry 66 passengers, 28 inside and 38 outside. These, and other cars like them, must weigh nearly 20 tons, and the tendency is still further to increase the weight by giving the outside passengers a roof.

Because the Burgomaster of Pilgram, in Bohemia (Herr Bosol), gave his weight as four stones less than & really was when effecting a life insurance, the Vienna High court decided that the insurance was invalid on the ground of "concealment of excessive corpulence."

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MORE FUN FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

LIST OF THOSE WHO PASSED RECENT TEST

Examiners Completed Their Labors on Saturday Night—Victoria Girl Beats the Province.

The board of examiners in connection with the recent high school examination completed their labors on Saturday night. The results are as follows:

Chilliwack Centre.

Total number candidates, 6; passed, 4.

Chilliwack—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Amelia Short, 667.

Camp Slough—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Edith H. Ryder, 624.

South Chilliwack—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Harrison River—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Adele Weaver, 678; Edith M. Pickens, 623.

Cranbrook Centre.

Total number candidates, 3; passed, 2.

Cranbrook—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Private study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Marshall Gordon, 628; Jessie Gordon, 550.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Clifton A. Skaling, 590; Royal L. Maitland, 571.

Cumberland Centre.

Total number candidates, 10; passed, 5.

Cumberland—Number of candidates, 6; passed, 5. William L. Grieve, 627; Laura L. Hall, 590; Jessie Frame, 576; John Cameron, 570; Dorothy Staples, 564.

Rural Schools.

Courtenay—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Union Bay—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.

Grand Forks Centre.

Total number candidates, 10; passed, 9.

Grand Forks—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 9. Leslie A. Manuel, 627; Chester A. Smith, 657; William Hay, 656; Claude Smith, 639; Margaret Sprinks, 634; James P. Graham, 603; Ethel Curran, 590; George Traunweiser, 575; Edna Curran, 568.

Kamloops Centre.

Total number candidates, 7; passed, 2.

Kamloops—Number of candidates, 4; passed, 1. William F. Shaw, 608.

Rural School.

Salmon Arm West—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Vieta Kew, 554.

Private Study—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Nanaimo Centre.

Total number candidates, 21; passed, 7.

Nanaimo Central—Number of candidates, 14; passed, 4. Joseph McKittrick, 591; Frank C. Morgan, 579; Anna V. Mills, 559; Lizzie Woodward, 550.

Rural Schools.

Cedar, East—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Ladysmith—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 1. Bruce McElveen, 606.

Nanaimo, South—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Ethel Madpass, 602; Elizabeth C. Williams, 577.

Wellington—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Nelson Centre.

Total number candidates, 4; passed, 2.

Kaslo—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Ira M. Lindsay, 550.

Nakusp—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Ella Thompson, 595.

St. Joseph's Convent—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

New Westminster Centre.

Total number candidates, 27; passed, 18.

Boys Central—Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6. Geoffrey K. Burnett, 672; Harold L. Fletcher, 668; Nelson C. Kenny, 658; Garnet S. Corbett, 641; John J. Odin, 644; Ernest W. Hawkins, 567.

Girls' Central—Number of candidates, 16; passed, 13. Jean Bissett, 842; Isabell Burton, 709; Eleanor A. Macdonald, 672; Eva J. Neil, 647; Ruby C. Tubman, 643; Evelyn Holmes, 637; Emily Heath, 630; Eva M. Thompson, 624; Weltha Alexander, 615; Mary I. Williams, 611; Edith A. John, 598; Charlotte Clayton, 591; Gladys M. Royle, 564.

North Ward—Number of candidates, 12; passed, 9. Walter E. Blackett, 694; Louis Beckwith, 659; Susanna W. Blackwood and Gladys E. Hewlings, equal, 630; Victor A. Levy, 624; Annie M. Rudd, 611; May F. Croot, 602; Jennie M. Duncan, 565; Victor W. Auld, 555.

South Park—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 4. James T. Fullerton, 664; Holley Jeffrey, 610; Chester F. Boyd, 604; Allan L. Greig, 554.

Victoria West—Number of candidates, 6; passed, 2. John F. Tait, 656; Olive Flirth, 569.

Rural and Private Schools.

Craigflower—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Esquimalt—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.

Goldstream—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Gordon Head—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Evelyn Van freight, 606.

Ladysmith—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Isabella Christie, 560.

Private Schools.

Queen's Academy—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

St. Louis College—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Satellite—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Boundary Bay—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Cloverdale—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Donald Huggard, 669.

Ladner—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Percy Miller, 618; Maude Kirkland, 614.

Mount Lehman—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Prairie—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Port Moody—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Upper Sumas—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Marguerite Fadden, 617.

Revelstoke Centre.

Total number candidates, 3; passed, 1.

Revelstoke—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Winnie McRury, 638.

Salmon Arm—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Rossland Centre.

Total number candidates, 16; passed, 14.

Rossland Central—Number of candidates, 11; passed, 9. Harold Graham, 609; Christina Buchanan, 689; Harry Tippett,

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THAT ASSESSMENT COMMISSION.

The McBride government announces that it will be prepared to meet the Legislature on the 9th of February. Through its organs it admonishes the opposition that if no embarrassing discussions are precipitated the business of the session may be put through with celerity and that the members may be let go to attend to their private affairs within two months at the most.

In order to prepare the way for a smooth time an assessment commission has been appointed. The government, in order to parry the open attacks of the opposition and the secret hostility of its supporters to the measure framed by the monitory institutions for the purpose of extracting taxes inequitably from the people, promised that it would appoint a committee to consider the subjects of assessments and taxation. It has taken this course at the eleventh hour because it dared not face the House with its pledge unfulfilled.

The members have acquainted themselves with the sentiments of their constituents, and they realise what will happen if the measure under which the members of the government boast they have produced an equilibrium between revenues and expenditures should be in effect when they next make an appeal for votes.

It is obviously not intended that the report this commission may make shall be acted upon during the session of 1905. The commission is merely an expedient to placate the dissatisfied representatives who keep the government in power.

Nor will the personnel of the investigating committee be satisfactory to the people of British Columbia. We suppose it is fitting and appropriate that the Minister of Finance should be one of the commissioners. He will be as the possessor of inside information, the counsellor and guide and director of the investigators. Mr. Ker is a shrewd man with large business interests in the province. Mr. Buren, as a remarkably successful manager of transportation and other concerns within certain restricted lines, should be capable of giving sage advice to the directors of assessments. But what about the great mining industry, as representing the chief of British Columbia's resources? And have there been no complaints of assessment inequalities from the important commercial houses of Vancouver and Victoria and other distributing centres in the interior? Do the farmers admit that they have been fairly dealt with in the redistribution and the tremendous increase of the burdens of taxation imposed by the McBride government?

What special class will the President of the Council represent on this much-lauded commission? Is Mr. F. Carter-Cotton as a member of the Legislature which voted five thousand dollars for the remuneration of the inquisitorial body qualified to act as commissioner? Would the hon. member be violating the independence of parliament if he were to accept his expenses as a member of the commission?

No doubt Mr. Cotton, who is a careful and cautious man, has weighed all these things in his mind and is prepared to defend himself in the House against any attacks that may be made upon his standing by the opposition. He may be sure that the question of the personnel of the commission will be discussed adequately; that every other act of the government will be discussed adequately. At the same time there will be no "factions" opposition. The opponents of the government are practical men of affairs, much more practical than the heterogeneous elements which keep the administration in power for reasons which would not bear scrutinizing by a commission of investigation.

TRIBULATIONS OF MILLIONAIRES.

The perils of the millionaire is the subject of an able and interesting article in one of the magazines. There are millions of people in the world, ourselves among the number, who would be willing to relieve the unfortunate of a portion or all of their burdens and to share their dangers and responsibilities. We would even undertake to carry out in

stated interest in favor of in the abstract, to avoid the disgrace of dying rich, for the sake of a few years of stewardship. Yet, we would give a written guarantee to apply our well-gotten wealth for the benefit of our fellow-creatures in return for the favors of the gods of modern finance. But what is the use of speculation upon such topics? What the millionaires have they will hold. The fates and the stars have made Carnegie and his fellow-sufferers rich. They will die as they have lived. The fiscal reformers will follow them, and they will have a heavy contract on their hands when they attempt to make the conditions even approximately favorable for producers and consumers.

There is some satisfaction in knowing that the revelations of frenzied financiers contain a lesson for Canadians. The advocates of a tariff for this country equal to that of the United States must hold their peace for a few years. The attempt of a gang of promoters, contractors and conspiring politicians to upset a government which they believed stood in the path of coveted graft contained a revelation, which will not be forgotten in a hurry, as to the methods by which unscrupulous manipulators become suddenly rich.

GENTLEMEN AND COMMON PEOPLE.

A British court in the plenitude of its wisdom has decided that while a schoolmaster may be a gentleman in fact, he is not a gentleman in the eyes of the law. The question was raised as a result of the decision of a registrar in regard to court fees. The taxing officer held that in the matter of compensation for services a teacher, although he was the proprietor and headmaster of a private school, ranked in the eyes of the law with a tradesman or any other individual who earned his bread as a dealer in commodities. Here is a precedent which may be of service in this community in which the degrees of fashion are sometimes regarded as arbitrary, not to say ridiculous. It might be turned to service by the acknowledged gentlemen who compose the active Property Owners' Association and who live in dread lest some of the rising generation who attend the public schools should be educated above the station in life to which they have been assigned by an all-wise Providence. We are thankful for this decision, because there's reason to fear that this favored portion of Canada, which has established its social standards upon no recognized basis, is in danger of becoming more democratic. Lest any obscure individual with no generic past, and presuming on his ability to do something useful for his fellows and for the world, should lay claim to recognition as a gentleman, let us bear in mind the decision of this English Solomon and the interpretation put upon it by the learned counsel of the school teacher who would be a gentleman, that a real gentleman is one who has never done a ha'porth of good for himself or anybody else.

AN EMBARRASSING SITUATION.

Society in Washington, D. C., is now upon an established basis just as it is at Westminster, at Berlin, at Vienna, at St. Petersburg, at Ottawa, at Victoria, B. C., or any other of the aristocratic legislative centres of the un-democratic world. The great society event of the year at Washington will be the quadrennial inauguration ball. The date for this great festive occasion is invariably fixed. It cannot be changed because, like the "American" constitution, its terms are unalterable save on the will of the representatives of the people. This year the ball must be held on Saturday night if precedent and constitutional usages are not to be cast to the winds.

As all ball-goers know, dancing, etc., in circles deserving of the name of "society" does not become really enjoyable until after midnight. The spirit of true enjoyment does not take possession of the soul and body until the witching hour has been reached. The masses of the people, said in mistake to constitute the bone and sinew, the pith and marrow, the bulkwarks, etc., of the great American nation, would be scandalized if the fact were published that the inaugural ball had been prolonged into the hours of the day of rest. Ward McAllister has

Success Attends Their Efforts to Colonize the Island.

Sign. Archambault, a professor in Laval University, has set the tongues of all ultra-loyalists wagging by speaking to his class on the subject of the future of the Dominion. We submit that that is a legitimate subject for discussion. At any rate, there is no doubt the question will be openly discussed with greater freedom as the years pass by. The action of the British government in practically withdrawing all its naval forces from our waters and its alleged decision to draw off its military forces also must open the matter all the more fully. Nor will the loyalty of the Canadian people be affected in the slightest degree as a result. But the tone of the discussion must to some extent depend upon the environment of the expositors. Mr. Archambault admits having "dreamed" of an independent French Canada. But he says his tongue slipped when he publicly described his vision. Possibly there are people outside of French Canada who have dreamed dreams relative to the possibilities of the future. If they have, and they were public men, they have discreetly smothered their views. The French-Canadian educationist says, if there is to be any change in the political status of Canada in the future, he would prefer to see "Canada free and independent, rather than annexed to the United States. Not French Canada, not English Canada, but a united Canada, free and sovereign, was the picture I intended to draw. There was no idea of secession."

UNHOLY ASPIRATIONS.

To the Editor:—The true inwardness of the "progressive" (3) educational policy of the Property Owners' Association has at last been brought to light by a letter from the secretary in Sunday's Colost. There had been from the first a strong suspicion that the aforesaid progressive policy was not altogether due to a deep and earnest desire for financial economy in the administration of the public school system. It did seem incredible that those gentlemen of property should be so deeply exercised over the matter of the few paltry cents or dollars by which their taxation might be reduced as a result of exacting a fee from a few High school pupils; and such, as is seen by the statement of their secretary, was not the case. "They take," according to the secretary's words, "a much wider and more progressive view than that." A careful perusal of the letter referred to reveals the fact that the "much wider and more progressive view" is, in substance, that it is wise or for the good of society to educate young people beyond their station in life. Nay, more, in doing this we are doing them a serious and irreparable injury." Young people educated beyond their station are in danger of becoming ambitious to fill larger stations in life, and thus become unfitted to properly fill the station in life to which they belong."

When will Mr. Sorby and the Property Owners' Association, with its membership of 50, understand that in this new world feudalism is out of date? Canada is a country which, through its earlier struggles, has largely freed itself from the caste divisions and class distinctions that prevail in many countries of the old world. It is our boast that every child, whether his parents be poor, financially speaking, or property owners, shall have a fairly even chance with all others in the race of life, and we point with pride to the long list of names of men who have risen from the humble stations in life to fill the highest stations the country affords.

As to the "station in life to which one is called," it may be said that such is the station that one can best fill, and also that the most liberal education never units a person for any position in life, though it surely does fit him for a higher one than he otherwise could fill.

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Sing a song of shorthand.

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Four and twenty letters

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When the Girl is ready,

And the keys begin to sing;

What a pretty pile of work

She to the Man will bring.

The Man is in his sanctum,

Trying to make money;

Talking to a customer;

Is tones as sweet as honey.

The Boy? Ah, he's a pirate,

Out on the stormy sea,

The Girl is busy with her work,

As happy as can be.

The Boy has hid the story

On which he fondly dotes.

The Girl is on the verge of tears—

She cannot read her notes.

PITY POOR BORDEN!

Toronto Telegram (Conservative.)

The best service that Mr. R. L. Borden

can render the Conservative party is to

stay in retirement until his own province

calls him back to public life, or until it is

made clear and manifest that the opposition

must fall back on Mr. Borden in default of a better leader.

What the Conservative party needs at

present is not batters, but friends.

Mr. Borden is a nice man, who could not carry

his own province, and had no more to do

with sweeping Ontario for the Conservatives

than that he had to do with sweeping the

United States for Roosevelt. The Conserva-

tives should remember that it is easier to

find a leader whom the party does want

than to get rid of a leader whom the party

does not want. Mr. Borden is the unani-

mous choice of his political enemies for

the leadership of the Conservative party.

A strong leader is never popular with his

political enemies. The advisers who are

trying to force Mr. Borden back into a

position to which he was never called by

the rank and file of the party are Mr. Borden's flatterers rather than friends to the

Conservative cause.

ALL-NIGHT BANKS.

New York Post.

Do the promoters of an all-night bank

realize that they are depriving the habitual

customer of his best excuse?

"After banking hours" will now be by a

reference to the nocturnal pay-the-teller.

For clubs, hotels and even restaurants the

new bank should mean some relief to over-

loaded cash drawers.

MYSTERIOUS CASE.

We suppose it will be admitted that

any man whom the spirit moves is al-

lowed to publicly speculate as to the

success attends their efforts to colonize the island.

The account of Japanese administration in Formosa published in the London Times is probably a little too favorable, but it is worth study for the Japanese will, if they are victorious, unquestionably try to colonize new dependencies. According to this account they have done wonders. After a year or two of extreme difficulties they have succeeded in taming the peculiarly savage tribe of the island, which was a kind of Alsace for Chinese bandits and Malay pirates, and have thus relieved the peaceful section of the people of all internal terror.

They have built 1,000 miles of road and 125 miles of light railway; have sunk an immense number of artesian wells—800 in one district alone—have established a complete postal service, which includes a system of savings banks, already popular with the people, and have set themselves to teach methods of agriculture, forestry and mining, all of which have succeeded.

The general revenue has been enlarged from £275,000 to £1,270,000, and the local rates from £74,000 to £195,000. Great attention is paid to sanitary improvements; hospitals have been set up everywhere, and two hundred Japanese doctors are now practising in the island; while the use of opium is discouraged both by taxation and street police supervision, the idea being to prevent the addition of any new victims to the habit. Finally, the Japanese educational system has been introduced, and eighteen thousand natives are being regularly instructed.

The consequence of all this increased work and of the absence of disorder has been an increase of the population to 3,082,000, partly, no doubt, from a considerable Chinese immigration. The Japanese, in fact, are able even among savage populations, to introduce a Pax Japonica which allows of the accumulation of wealth.—London Spectator.

MISTAKEN FOR FLAG OF TRUCE.

Handkerchief Precipitated Awful Tragedy—incident of War's Folly.

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THE LEELANAW IS NOW ON ESQUIMALT WAYS

Ten Days' Work to Be Done on Ship
New Schedule For the Blue
Funnel Liners.

The steamship Leelanaw, which was in Tacoma last week discharging concentrates brought from the Treadwell mine, is on the Esquimalt Marine railway for repairs. The ship was the victim of a rather uncommon accident. In returning south last week she encountered very stormy weather off Cape Decision, and the anchor slipped overboard. At the time the ship was rolling heavily, and as the anchor only dropped a certain distance it struck the side of the vessel with tremendous force with each roll the steamer gave.

It was some time before the anchor could be secured on deck again owing to the breaking of a steam pipe and, in the meanwhile, several plates were damaged. These will, it is stated, have to be removed, and the ship will be on the ways for ten days or more. She is under charter to R. W. Dunsmuir, of this city. While out of service, barges will be operated as previous to the engagement of the Leelanaw.

This morning a survey was held on the steamer. Mr. Evans, superintendent engineer of the Michigan Steamship Company, which owns the Leelanaw, was here yesterday holding an inquiry into the cause of the accident, and Capt. Whitney, of Seattle, and other navigators are making an inspection.

The educational classes of the Young Men's Christian Association will this week be held as follows: Wednesday, arithmetic, hall-keeping; Friday, penmanship.

—There will be a full rehearsal of "Dorothy" this evening. It will be held in room No. 3 of the A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of those taking part in the opera is expected.

There were some interesting handball contests at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium yesterday. One of the best was as follows: Meyer and Holden beat W. B. Fisher and F. Fisher, 21-17, 14, 21, 21-12.

The Chinese Presbyterian Mission will hold its Christmas entertainment this evening. The friends and teachers of the school are invited to be present. The entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock.

G. H. Hadwen has returned from Ontario, where he went shortly after the provincial exhibition last September, to dispose of six carloads of horses bred in British Columbia. He brought back a carload of thoroughbred day.

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THE INDIA'S PASSENGERS.

R. M. S. Empress of India sailed for Oriental ports last evening with 2500 passengers, 10 intermediates and a large number of Orientals in the steerage, besides a full cargo of general merchandise.

The following were among the saloon passengers: T. Takahashi, T. Fukai, T. Nakashita, Chas. Miller, Mrs. J. Jackson, S. Zelassy, T. Shinya, Miss Ida Kerr, V. Hamada, Ed. Salinger, Mr. Ruckle and wife, Miss Whitaker, F. Drechsel, S. Matsuda, Miss Dr. M. Polk, Miss H. Richardson, A. Johnson, Will's E. Gray, R. Henning and wife, K. Kimura.

R. M. S. Empress of Japan will be the next steamer of the line due. She will be expected January 4th.

MAY COME HERE.

It is not improbable that the ships Nech and Ancona, which were in collision at Port Townsend a short time ago, will come to Esquimalt for repairs. Tenders were called for the work to be done on either, and it is stated that the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company's bids were the lowest. Considerable damage was sustained by both vessels, and as they are British their owners doubtless prefer coming to this side for repairs. Capt. J. G. Cox, Lloyd's local representative, went over to Port Townsend last evening to see the vessels.

PENTHESILEA HER.

The British ship Penthesilea, Captain Manson, which shipping papers have reported bound for the Sound, arrived in the Royal Roads on Saturday. She has come here for orders, being the only vessel of the fleet of six referred to in the Times "F" deposit plan. The whole amount, or any part thereof, withdrawable at any time.

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MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Tees returned from northern British Columbia ports on Sunday with upwards of a dozen passengers for this year.

—A great number of complimentary references have been made to the handsome and striking full page cover of the Times Xmas supplement. The entire cut was a credit to local artists and workmen, being designed and executed by the B. C. Engraving Company of this city, whose work is attaining a more than local fame.

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**VANCOUVER WON
THE RUGBY MATCH**

WHICH WAS PLAYED AT
TERMINAL CITY MONDAY

Victoria Defeated by Three Tries to Nil
—Local Players Put Up a Fine Game.

The championship Rugby match between Victoria and Vancouver at the Terminal City yesterday was won by the latter, the score being three tries to nil. Members of the local fifteen lined up against the Vancouver stalwarts on Monday morning at Brockton Point. Play commenced at 10 o'clock, there being only a few enthusiasts in attendance.

From the start the contest was exciting. The Victoria team justified what has been said by the Tynes as to its increased strength. They put up a splendid struggle against the formidable team that had been collected by Capt. Worsnop of Vancouver. Time after time the Terminal City touch was threatened, and it was only because of the exceptional strength of the opposing defense and a certain amount of hard luck that the Victorians failed to score. There wasn't much advantage on either side throughout the initial period. Victoria had the ball as much in their opponents' territory as the latter in the other half of the field. Both teams fought stubbornly, contesting every inch of ground. Before the whistle blew, however, Vancouver managed to score, Springer carrying the ball over the line. The attempt to convert was a failure.

In the second half the fight was even more hotly contested. Victoria tried again and again to penetrate the Terminal City defense only to be repulsed. When the Vancouver fifteen worked the ball towards Victoria's goal the latter defense proved equal to the test. They sent the Terminal City fifteen back and kept them from the danger zone very successfully. Finally, Flood managed to reach the line and a try was awarded Vancouver by Referee Woodward. It is claimed by Capt. Miserac and all local players, and even acknowledged by some of the Vancouver men that this and the following point were not touched down fairly. A protest was made but the referee held to his ruling. Whether or not the dispute was justified, the fact that Mr. Woodward, formerly captain of the Vancouver fifteen makes it altogether probable that his decisions were more or less biased. The Victorians should have thought of this before the game. It is stated, however, that later on a good Vancouver try was disallowed, owing to the extent of one point. But such a method of referring is most unsatisfactory to both teams and it is to be hoped that a neutral official will be appointed for the next league game.

The local players returned by the steamer Princess Beatrice yesterday evening, having left Vancouver immediately after the match.

THE HUNT.

AN ENJOYABLE RUN.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria Hunt Club had an enjoyable run, commencing at the residence of C. E. Poole. The course was over the lands of the Transfer Company and Mr. Knox, finishing at Strawberry Vale. One rider and horse met with a tumble as they attempted to jump a fence. There were no serious results. Eleven gen-

A JUNIOR MATCH.

The match between North Ward and Victoria West, one of the junior league series, on Saturday afternoon at Beacon Hill, was won by the former by 3 goals to 0. The former team played three men short during part of the match but, in spite of this handicap, won in a most decisive manner.

WON BY DEFAULT.

The game scheduled to be played yesterday between Victoria United and Victoria West was taken by the former eleven, the V. W. A. A. team defaulting. As all the Victoria United players were on the field, the usual formality of lining up and kicking off was observed. A short practice was then indulged in, after which the players dispersed.

VICTORIA v. GARRISON.

Next Saturday the Victoria United team will play the Garrison at Oak Bay. This will be one of the most important matches of the league series. It will probably decide the championship. If Victoria United wins the two teams will be on an even standing.

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by the addition of R. Schwengen, who will take a place at full back. He and Goward will make a difficult couple for the fastest lot of forwards to evade.

CAPITALS VICTORIOUS.

The St. Louis College and Capital teams played a close game on Saturday afternoon at Oak Bay. It was won by the latter by three goals to all, the defeated eleven putting up a plucky fight throughout.

THE KENNEL.

DECISION ENDORSED.

The action of the Western Kennel League in amalgamating with the American League is one of the principal topics of conversation among local fanciers. While agreeing that the former association has gone where best in its interests, they endorse the decision of the Victoria club to join the Canadian League rather than the A. K. L. No definite announcement has yet been made as to the date of the local association meeting, at which the matter will be thoroughly discussed.

In the appended communication from N. J. Stewart, secretary of the Western Kennel League, addressed to T. P. McConnell personally, the situation is briefly but clearly outlined:

Dec. 18th, 1904.

T. P. McConnell, Esq., Victoria:

My dear McConnell:—I sent you yesterday a communication which I am sure you will not approve of, but I feel equally certain that you will understand that some such action was necessary.

Briefly the case is this: I could no longer hold the California clubs in the W. K. L. They were going out one by one, and in another year we would not have had a W. K. L. club in this state.

As you know, the new Seattle Kennel Club incorporated has joined the A. K. C. You may not know, but it is a fact that a Portland A. K. C. Club has been formed and is applied for membership in the A. K. C.

It seemed to me that unless something was done at once the W. K. L. would become so weak as to affect the opinion of the A. K. C. that they had been tickled, and that there was no need to grant concessions to us. Whatever the A. K. C. clubs and the northern clubs may do, we have got these concessions from the A. K. C.

The California clubs will join the A. K. C. We have gained the principle for which we fought, namely, a representative and elective advisory board.

Of course your clubs are out of the A. K. C. jurisdiction and no concessions were made to them.

Do what you think best, as of course you will, but remember that the California clubs have done this, not to hurt your club or any other, but to protect dogdom here, which was gradually being killed by the kennel war.

Believe me, yours very truly,

NORMAN J. STEWART.

ANCIENT JOKES.

Old-Time Wit Preserved by an Historical Society.

What is regarded as the most valuable collection of ancient jokes in existence has just been presented to the Missouri State Historical Society by W. H. Thompson, of near Columbia. These are in 100 almanacs, one for each year since 1700.

In the almanac for 1804, now just a century old, considerable space is devoted to "original jokes, witty remarks and humorous anecdotes." Here are a few of the "very funny" things in the almanac of 1804:

"A dull judge in the interior courts of a sister state, having attended to a variety of causes in the morning, went to dine at a friend's house with a most excellent appetite. Among the company was a witty barrister. The Judge eating very heartily of a dish of salmon, observed that he had filled himself so full that he needed hooping."

"Your Honor is much more in want of hearing," replied the witty barrister.

"A professor, lecturing on heat, observed that one of its most conspicuous properties was the power of expelling all bodies. A humorous student rose in his seat and asked: 'Is that the reason the days in warm weather are longer than those in cold?' cold?"

"Sir John Doyle, on being informed by a traveller that he had been in a country where the bugs were so large and powerful that two of them would drain a man's blood in a single night, humorously replied: 'My dear sir, we have similar animals in Ireland, but there we call them humbugs.'

"A man having been convicted at Old Bailey was, as usual, asked what he had to say why judgment of death should not be passed on him. 'Say?' replied he, 'why I think the joke has been carried far enough already, and the less said the better—if you please, we will drop the subject.'

"In a newly-raised corps a soldier lately observed to his comrade, who was an Irishman, that a corporal was to be dismissed from his regiment. 'Faith and indeed,' said the Irishman, 'I hope it is the corporal who is so troublesome in our company.' 'What is his name?' replied the other. 'Why, corporal punishment, to be sure,' replied Pat."

"A person who could not read a syllable took up a newspaper in a New York coffee house, and, holding it upside down, determined to peruse the ship advertisements on the first page with great attention. 'What news?' inquired a bystander. 'There has been a great storm in the West Indies,' replied the reader. 'The vessels are all upon set.'

"A country squire asked a merry Andrew why he was playing the fool. 'For the same reason you do,' said he, 'out of want of wit, I for want of money.'

Some of the jokes, humorous remarks, puns and witcisms which were perpetuated in the Western Comic Almanack in 1838 and which have not yet elicited their usefulness, are as follows:

"A broker was folding some bank bills he had received. 'You know how rich fast, I perceive you readily double your money.' 'I am a poor country hawker being detected in the act of shooting a butcher bird, was taken before the justice. 'So, fellow,' cried the justice, 'you see fit to shoot without a license, do you?' 'Oh, no, Your Honor,' said the offender, 'I have a license for hawking.' So saying he handed his peddler's license, and the bird shot being a hawk, he was discharged."

"When Mr. Alexander Gun was discharged from the Edinburgh customs house the entry made against his name was: 'A. Gun, discharged for making a false report.'

"THE KAISER AS RIDING-MASTER.

The German Emperor has now turned riding-master. He taught two elder sons the management of their steeds and still gives lessons to the younger Princes. He is, as might be expected of him, a stern teacher. The riding whip with which he finds occasion to correct the horses not infrequently also descends upon the persons of the youthful cavaliers when they show themselves not sufficiently attentive to his paternal counsels. It must be added that his lessons are attended with excellent results, the Crown Prince, in particular, being a splendid horseman.

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A course at the 20th CENTURY BUSINESS TRAINING COLLEGE. I have seen what they can do there, and don't mean to miss my opportunity. Why, I saw girls after 6 and 8 weeks training taking down in Shorthand new matter dictated by a gentleman from the Colosseum. Then there are courses in Bookkeeping, Quick Figuring and Telegraphy, and I want to learn all these.

Well, what is the cost?

Proficiency to your own satisfaction is guaranteed for Shorthand, \$35; Typewriting, \$20; Telegraphy, \$50; Quick Figuring, \$20; all totaling \$105; but payments may be made by installments with a small percentage added. I can start any day and have the freedom of the College until completion.

You see, dear Dad, it is no good being on'y handsome and well dressed. I want to be useful and help you, or earn my own living. Think what I could do for Mother if anything happened to you.

Bravo, old girl. You have a wiz little head. Hope the boys will catch your spirit. When you want the cash just say so.

O, thank you. You are a dear old Dad.

'PHONE 1122. (You cannot forget it if you like it twice.) Head Training College for Canada and the South, Victoria, B. C.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND.

A. B. Mackenzie, secretary of the associated boards of trade of eastern British Columbia, has issued a notification that he had been instructed by G. O. Buchanan, the president of the associated boards, that the next annual convention will be held in Nelson, probably in January or February, when a number of subjects of urgent importance to the district will be introduced for consideration. Among these will be the following: The organization of a department of mines as a branch of the Dominion service; the imposition of a duty on rough lumber coming into Canada; the encouragement of the production of zinc; the preservation of the remains of our forests from destruction by fire; the cancellation of the reserves on land; greater attention to the surveys of provincial lands, with the object of guarding against the issue of duplicate titles to the same land; assistance to a coast to Kootenay railway, and to the Kootenay Central railway.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

At the regular committee meeting of the city council on Friday evening the mayor and aldermen handed to Guards Jos. Burr and R. B. Kelly, of the provincial jail, a gold-headed ebony cane and a case of pipes respectively. These gifts were made in recognition of the service of Messrs. Burr and Kelly in putting in shape the grounds of the Carnegie library with the chain-gang, of which they had charge.

On Friday morning the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, through the local manager, E. R. Glover, presented Mrs. George Adams with a handsome gold ring, in recognition of that lady's presence of mind in connection with the attempt made last May to derail an interurban car.

Major Kearny has received a communication from the secretary of Andrew Carnegie to the effect that as soon as the work on the new public library is completed, another cheque of \$1,000 will be sent along to defray the expenses of bringing that institution up to a thoroughly up-to-date position.

VANCOUVER.

D. E. Brown, general agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in the Orient with headquarters at Hongkong, has returned from the East, where he has been spending a couple of months. Mr. Brown has been away from his duties since last summer on leave of absence, and will not return to the Orient until next March. He will spend the winter in California. He has been connected with the traffic departments for a long period.

K. Takahashi, vice-governor of the Bank of Japan, and E. Fukai, another official of the bank, sailed on the Empress of India. These are the men who floated the war loan in London, which provides the funds to carry on the fight with Russia, and they are now returning after the accomplishment of their task. The Bank of Japan is the official financial institution of the Empire, and upon these officials devolved the responsibility of negotiating one of the largest loans of modern times. Mr. Takahashi negotiated the loan in a masterly manner, and as a result Japan was assisted to the extent of a loan of £10,000,000 in May and £12,000,000 in November. Neither of the gentlemen had any opinions to offer regarding the war, beyond the belief that the victory would ultimately be with Japan. Of this they had no doubt.

Clark, alias King, who together with a man named Jones made his escape from the city jail about two years ago, came nearly killing Detective Jackson on Saturday night. Clark was recognized in the city on Saturday by the detective, who followed his man up carefully. Late at night he caught him in the vicinity of the Clarence hotel, Seymour street,

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and mentally, than yesterday. It was only with the greatest effort that the hysteria following her last appearance in court was controlled, but she fell asleep about midnight and rested well. When she awoke this morning there was a sheet of letters and telegrams awaiting her.

District Attorney Jerome announced late to-day that preparations for a new trial will be hurried as fast as possible.

VICTORIA DAY SCHOOL.

Principal's Report Read at Christmas Entertainment in the A. O. U. W. Hall.

The Christmas entertainment of the Victoria day school, which was held in the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday evening, December 20th, proved a great success. The proceedings opened with the principal's report, which was read by the Bishop of Columbia. The report showed that the work done in the school was of a high order, and that in the recent examinations the girls had done well, there being few failures in any of the subjects.

At the conclusion of the report His Lordship made a few suitable and well-chosen remarks, pointing out the difference between the mere instruction which crammed the child for the time being and the true education which was life long. He had known Mrs. Blaiklock for a long time, and had always taken a deep interest in the school. He was certain that the teaching there was very thorough, and he wished her work every success.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Bishop for reading the report and for his encouraging remarks was proposed by Rev. A. G. Stanley Ard, and carried with acclamation.

The musical part of the programme was opened by a spirited piano-forte solo by Miss Gladys Pitts, followed by a pretty French recitation by Miss Lucy Little. A piano-forte duet by the Misses Coome and Gladys Pitts was a pleasant feature, while Miss Jessie Prior's French recitation met with loud and well merited applause. The dialogue from Henry VIII., between Wolsey and Cromwell, was splendidly rendered by Miss Phyllis Mason (Wolsey) and Miss Nellie Cooke (Cromwell). Miss Lillian Elford's brilliant piano-forte solo elicited a hearty encore. The three parts in Lady Clare were prettily recited by the Misses Daisy Wilson, Anna Taylor and Master Gerald Peters. A well rendered piano-forte solo by Miss Marjorie Rome brought the first part of the proceedings to a close. The second part consisted of a charming little play entitled "Monsieur Pierre," which was well put on and well acted by the senior girls of the school. The pretty scenery in the A. O. U. W. hall fitted in admirably with the play, and the last chorus, in which all the children in the school took part, presented a very pleasing tout ensemble. The whole performance was such a success that Mrs. Blaiklock has been asked to repeat it at an early date.

S. F. Mackay has been in town for the last few days making final arrangements about installing his saw mill plant on the timber limits of the Active Gold Mining Company on Porcupine creek. The plant will be brought in this week and work will be commenced at once upon erecting it. Several hundred feet of logs are already cut ready for the saw.

Snow is badly wanted in this district as very few of the mines can ship at present. The Queen mine has not been able to ship any concentrates for the last month. The Kootenay Belle has four cars of ore out ready sacked. The Key stone has three cars ready, whilst the other properties in this district are in exactly the same position.

PHOENIX.

Last week the last shot was fired on the grading of the V. V. & E. extension of the Great Northern from Grand Forks to Phoenix. It was on the work of Burns & Jordan, sub-contractors for something like ten miles at this end, including the Phoenix terminals and side-tracks, etc. Tuesday was the regular monthly pay day, and the laborers have now all been paid off and discharged. It has been found necessary to put on an extra gang ahead of the tracklayers to shovel the snow, which is a foot or more in depth in some places.

At the last meeting of the city council the resignation of R. B. Kerr, the city solicitor, to take effect December 31st, was read, accepted and a vote of thanks tendered to Mr. Kerr. Mr. Kerr has occupied the position since Phoenix was incorporated. Mr. Kerr's wife's health has not been good, and they expect to leave for California in a short time.

After many delays, occasioned in getting the new 800-foot tramway in order, the Montreal & Boston Consolidated's Rawhide mine began regular shipments of ore on Wednesday to the company's smelter at Boundary Falls, where the ore supply from this mine has been awaited to permit of the blowing in of the second furnace. With the immense ore reserves in sight, and the cheap system of producing it by quarrying, it is confidently believed that the Rawhide will prove to be one of the best and most profitable of the several properties which the Montreal & Boston is working. This is the first ever shipped to any smelter from the Rawhide.

TO HAVE RETRIAL.

Authorities Preparing For Another Hearing of Charges Against Nan Patterson.

New York, Dec. 24.—Nan Patterson's last hope of spending Christmas with her parents at their home in Washington vanished to-day when District Attorney Jerome announced that he would not agree to a reduction of her bail. This will again be tried on the charge of murder of Caesar Young. Her bail had previously been fixed at \$20,000.

When the district attorney made his statement, Mr. O'Reilly, of Miss Patterson's counsel, said:

"This surely means that there will be a new trial. We are anxious that it will be called soon and will make every effort to have it called as soon as possible."

Afterward he said that counsel had decided not to attempt to get any bail unless the district attorney does not promise a speedy retrial. Counsel, he said, believed the best place for Miss Patterson was in the Tomb, as she had been so long there.

The urgency for a new trial on the part of the defense was, Mr. O'Reilly said, due to the fact that the defense has found some new, and what they consider important evidence. Part of this, he said, was the finding of some 32-calibre bullets in Young's trunk. Mr. O'Reilly said that Rand admitted the finding of the bullet, but contended that they belonged to Mrs. Young.

The news that she could not be admitted to bail was broken to Miss Patterson as gently as possible, but she broke down, after making a brave show of cheerfulness all day. Even though she knew she would have to remain in the Tomb over Christmas she had hoped she might be released on bail next week.

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Land Registry Act.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Sub-Division No. 10 of Lot 121 A, Victoria City.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land, issued to Eileen Carroll on the 13th day of May, 1895, and numbered 1283.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar General,
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B.C.,
13th day of December, A.D. 1904.

NOTICE.

We the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of the intention to apply to the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal incorporating the Districts of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, excepting only portions thereof as form Indian Reservations, under the name of The Corporation of the District of SAANICH.

ANDREW STUART YATES,
JNO. G. ELLIOTT.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 2nd, 1904.

Municipal Election, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming Municipal Election, citizens of the City of Victoria, Lake and South Saanich are required to register before the month of December to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for the taking of Evidence in Civil Causes, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act."

This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a member of the Board of Education, at his office, City Hall, Victoria, or before any Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, whose name is registered on the list of electors. Assessed ratepayers are not required to make this declaration.

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A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year; if not, the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, subject to occupation and entry by a free miner.

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A plan of the land proposed works and improvements and a description by notes and bounds of the proposed sites of the same, has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

Victoria, B.C., the first day of December, 1904.

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Solicitors for the said Taylor Mill Company, Limited.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company which tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Cowichan District, on the east by the Stride Road, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the M. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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Crashed Together When Speeding Before a Gale of Wind—Three Men Killed.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Three men were killed and three more seriously hurt in a crash of two ice boats speeding before a gale of wind at the rate of 50 miles an hour on Onondaga lake this afternoon. The dead are: James Jackson, Charles Markham and George Todd, all of this city.

The accident occurred after the first of the season's regattas of the Onondaga Lake Yacht Club, which brought 15,000 persons to the lake. Over its glaring surface a fierce gale drove the fleet of ice yachts at express train speed.

Towards the close of the afternoon the Warner Brothers, with Fred Warner at the tiller, bore up the lake with the wind abeam, the Blitz, with Capt. Jones steering, approaching in the opposite direction. Each craft carried five persons. As the yachts neared each other, both tried to avoid a collision, but both turned in the same direction.

JEALOUS MAN'S ACT.

Shot Woman Twice at a Party and Then Turned Revolver on Himself.

Leadville, Colo., Dec. 25.—As a result of the dexterous rage of Patrick Brennan, both he and Mrs. Kate Lowney are probably dying at a hospital in this city.

Brennan was boarding with Mrs. Lowney at the latter's boarding house in Stumpton, three miles from this city. The couple are engaged to be married. Brennan has been on a spree and after quarreling with the woman smashed the dishes and furniture. Later Mrs. Lowney and children went to a neighbor's where a party was in progress. Brennan came in and shot Mrs. Lowney twice, inflicting what is thought to be fatal injuries. He then turned the revolver upon himself and is dying. Brennan came here from Butte.

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The General Fullerton Damaged by Steamer On the Columbia River.

BROTHERS MURDERED.

Two Young Men Shot While on Their Way From Church—Companion Wounded.

(Associated Press)

Midkiff, W. Va., Dec. 25.—Two men are dead and a third dying from bullets fired in the darkness late-night while they were going home from church. The dead are Lucien Lucas, aged 23; Ira Lucas, a brother, aged 20. Dying: Octave Adkins, aged 19.

The Lucas brothers and young Adkins, at the close of the service started home along the railroad track with Miss Mabel Williams. They were passing through a cut flanked by dense woods when they became targets for a rain of bullets. Lucian Lucas, whose arm Miss Williams was holding, fell dead at her side. Ira Lucas dropped mortally wounded and died in a few minutes. Adkins received two bullets, one entering his breast and the other his right shoulder. Miss Williams, who was unhurt, was left standing alone with two dead men and one dying at her feet. She turned and rushed down the railroad tracks until she met others who were returning from church.

BELIEF FOR NEEDY.

Large Amount of Money Distributed Among the Poor in London.

London, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day (Associated Press)

passed quietly throughout the United Kingdom. The most notable feature of the day was the large amount of charity distributed as the result of the generous sums of money collected for this purpose through the newspapers and other channels.

Appropriate musical programmes were enjoyed by those who attended Emmanuel Baptist church, Calvary Baptist and First Congregational church.

At the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, a large number of guests were entertained on Christmas Day to between 5 and 7 o'clock. Following this a choral service was rendered, and much enjoyed by those present. Afterwards a chorus of ladies visited Commodore Goodrich's residence and other Esquimalt homes singing Christmas carols. In this connection it is announced that on Wednesday evening a Christmas dinner will be served at 6 o'clock. The good things provided having been enjoyed the soldiers and sailors will spend a pleasant social evening. Rev. J. P. Hicks takes this opportunity of thanking F. R. Stewart & Co. for the donation of turkeys and other provisions to be used at the feast.

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**SANTA CLAUS CALLED
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The inmates at Different Public Institutions Fared Well—Treats Yet to Come.

Christmas Day was observed in a quiet manner by Victorians. Santa Claus made his annual visit to the residences, distributing gifts with his usual generosity and bringing joy and happiness to every family circle. While the fact that Christmas came on Sunday prohibited the celebration of that day among the juveniles, their spirits were allowed full swing yesterday, adults joining them in numerous pastimes. Turkey and plum puddings were served everywhere and partaken of with the usual zeal. The little ones of the Protestant Orphans' Home, the inmates of the city and provincial jails, members of the Old Men's Home and inmates of the Refuge Home were not forgotten. Charitably disposed citizens looked after their welfare, enabling them to enjoy the season's good cheer. Families unable to fittingly celebrate owing to poverty were provided for by the Friendly Help Association.

The annual Christmas gathering of the members and friends of the Burnside Baptist mission, Tenbyson road, will be held tomorrow evening. Tea will be served to the children at 6:30 o'clock, after which a programme of choruses, recitations, etc., will be given by the children of the auditorium of the church, to which all the parents and friends of the school are cordially invited.

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The remains of Mrs. Matthews were laid to rest on Saturday afternoon. The funeral took place from the residence, Blanchard street. Rev. J. F. Vicent conducted appropriate services. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. T. N. Walker, Robert Bassett, Henry Hart and James Woodcock.

Two basketball matches will be played this evening at the Victoria West Hall. They are the regular scheduled games between the James Bay and Victoria West intermediate and junior teams. The junior contest will commence at 8 o'clock, and the intermediate immediately after the juniors have left the hall.

Members of the Y. M. C. A. chess club are requested to attend a meeting to be held for this evening at the rooms, Broad street. The instructor, T. H. Piper, will be present and it is proposed to organize a handicap tournament. Entries will be received, the handicaps fixed and other arrangements made. All who would like to participate are invited to be present.

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The case of Michael O'Brien, charged with supplying intoxicants to an Indian, is being heard in the police court this afternoon. A Chinaman will be heard to-morrow on the charge of stealing some bark from J. Grice. He is an opium fiend, and raised a great uproar in the lockup because he couldn't get any of the drug.

VALUABLE POSTCARDS.

Some of the Censorship Regulations in Foreign Countries.

There are a few picture postcards (says a writer in the World's Work) that fetch prices a little above their original value, such as those taken by the officers of the good ship Discovery, lately returned from the South Pole expedition; and a few that have been suppressed on political or moral grounds by governments of various continental countries.

The Russian government issued an edict forbidding Count Tolstoy's portrait to be used on postcards.

The Turkish government is still more sweeping in its prohibition; an edict forbids any postcard to be circulated bearing the name of God or Mahomet, any drawing of the Kaaba, or any portrait of a Mohammedan woman.

In France there is a censorship of cards. Several have been suppressed for offences against good manners, and an eye has to be constantly kept on the cards which ascertain crowns heads.

One card was suppressed for its rendering the corollary of the King of Portugal; others for gibes at Prince Henry of the Netherlands and the late Queen Draga of Servia.

The climax was reached when the anti-clerical government of M. Combes had to stop the circulation of a card as being deficient in reverence towards the Pope.

The most intrinsically valuable cards are those that insure the recipient against accidents for a month for a sum of \$5.

A series of Dreyfus cards originally published at the modest price of one and a half francs has since changed hands for £8.

Quite probably the famous card said to have been sent by the late President Kruger when the officials wrote to him, after his flight from South Africa, asking for their pay—"Read Proverbial, 19:20"—would command a fair figure if offered for sale.

LEAPED FROM WINDOW.

Young Woman Killed by Jumping From Fourth Story of House in New York.

(Associated Press)

New York, Dec. 27.—A woman 21 years old, known as Cazel Hall, killed herself instantly by jumping from the third story window of a house near Broadway on West 46th street.

Her action created a commotion in the neighborhood, where it was declared that the girl was screaming for help before she was seen to fling herself, in a nude condition, head foremost from the window.

Coroner Scholer took charge of the matter early to-day, and gave it as his opinion that the girl was not a suicide, but had been detained against her will, and was attempting to escape. Later he modified his statement somewhat pending further investigation. The woman's clothing was found scattered about the room.

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